

Please replace the section beginning on page 13, line 1 through line 15 as rewritten below:

#### ABSTRACT

A solution for controlling activities to be carried out in a network element in a flexible and safe manner. A data transmission network ~~comprises~~includes a network element, which ~~comprises~~includes data transfer means ~~(21, 22, 23, 24)~~—for transmitting and receiving data from the data transmission network, which data ~~comprises~~includes one or more commands; processing means ~~(15, 25)~~—for processing the data provided in a specified format; and control means ~~(25, 27, 28, 29)~~—for modifying the received command into a format required by the processing means. Said ~~The~~ control means ~~comprise~~includes a driver ~~(41, 42, 43)~~—the origin of which can be verified with the help of an electronic signature; and one or more functions ~~(48)~~—that control the operation of the processing means ~~(15, 25)~~, which can only be initiated by the driver ~~(41, 42, 43)~~—the origin of which has been verified with the help of the electronic signature.

(Figure 4)